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You who say not, speak falsely or misguidedly. We *are* concerned. By all our desire for the health and happiness of the world, by the great professional opportunity given us through the knowledge of our training to minister towards, and bring about all such conditions of health and happiness; by these great rights I say we are concerned.

How long would we have had to fight for registration, had women had the ballot? Does registration not concern us? Does the means of obtaining it not concern us? And what means more quick and sure than by the votes of women?

My friends, we have made a great mistake. Let us rise up then and blot out this disgrace of the San Francisco convention. Let us ask the great and good army of suffragists to forgive us, for we knew not what we did. Next year our delegates will go instructed, and next year when the vote comes up, the action of this last convention will be repudiated,—but excused. The vote will be overwhelmingly affirmative.

Respectfully,

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LOCAL ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETIES

In the *Public Health Bulletin* of Michigan, April-June, is a timely article by Dr. Herbert Maxon King of the Loomis Sanatorium, Liberty, N. Y., in which he hits several nails on the head.

"The first work of any newly formed organization should consist in arousing a real and lively interest in the subject on the part of the community as a whole. In the effort to awaken this necessary interest care must be exercised to present actual facts without undue exaggeration of the dangers of infection on the one hand and yet with emphasis upon the vital necessity of intelligent preventive measures on the other. In many communities the interest of the medical profession itself in the problems of tuberculosis is not what it should be and what it must needs be if an effective campaign is to be prosecuted. Where such a condition exists the first work of the local society must be directed towards awakening a keen interest in just this quarter. Where tuberculosis is very prevalent such missionary work is not at all likely to be required, but it is highly probable that even in sparsely settled districts the incidence of tuberculosis is more common and generally distributed than might be supposed, and it is in such communities, where the daily routine of the medical practitioner is arduous and time-consuming, that he is most likely, in the exigencies of his many calls, to slight the important work of detecting early tuberculosis and of assuming the somewhat thankless task of instituting rigid measures against its spread. Once the interest of the medical profession in any community is thoroughly aroused the education of the laity along the required lines almost necessarily follows."